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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sam E. KINNEY, Jr. et al.

Application No.: 09/282,157

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Group No.: 3624

Filed: March 31, 1999

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Dear Sir:

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, the above-identified applicants (the "Applicants") submit the following response to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2002, which finally rejected claims 1-65, 67-69, and 71-75. The Applicants request that this response be entered to place the above-identified application (the "Application") in better condition for allowance or, in the alternative, to place the Application in better condition for appeal.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the Application as follows: